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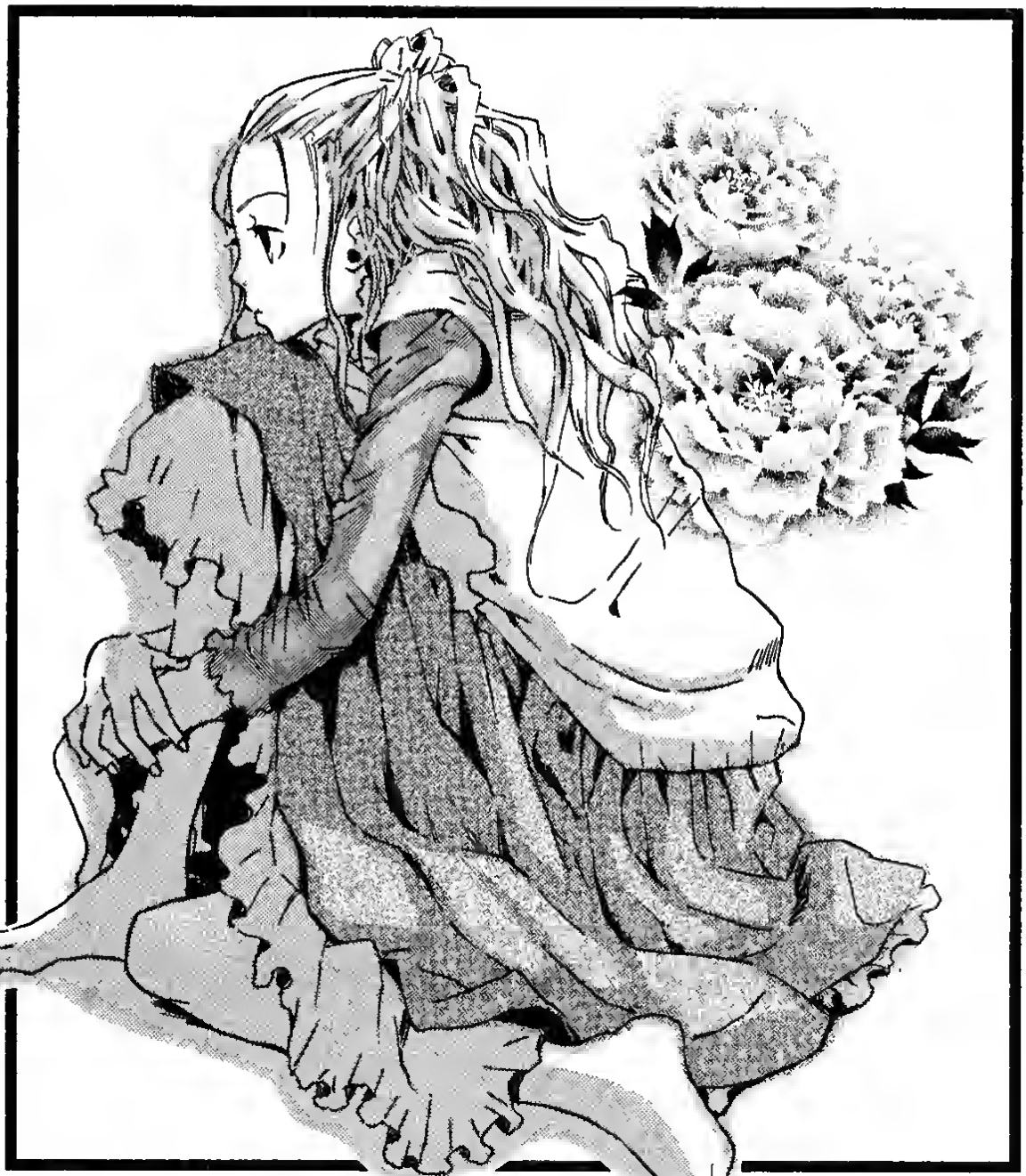

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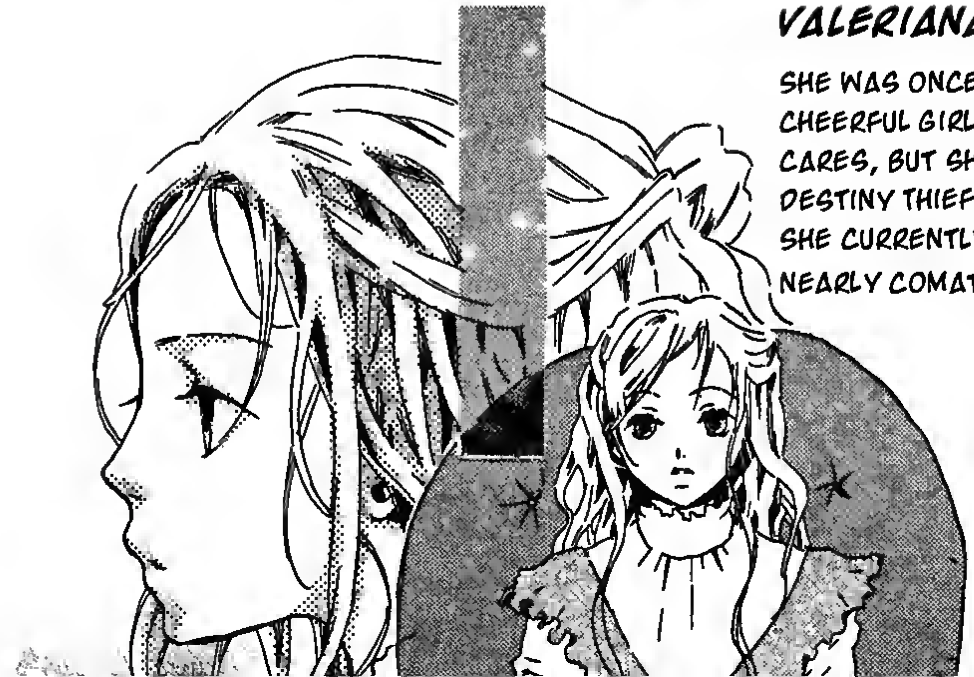
STORY & CAST

A DESTINY THIEF LIVES FOREVER BY CONSUMING THE SOULS AND EXISTENCES OF HUMANS. HIROKAZU IS REBORN AS A DESTINY THIEF CALLED GLORIOUS LILY AFTER VALERIANA, TO WHOM HE HAD TAKEN A LIKING, IS SLAUGHTERED BY TOWNSPEOPLE. VALERIANA IS ALSO RESURRECTED, BUT HAS BECOME ALMOST LIFELESS, LIKE A DOLL...

GLORIOUS LILY

HE WAS ORIGINALLY A HUMAN BY THE NAME OF HIROKAZU, BUT THROUGH VERMILLION'S GUIDANCE, HE BECAME A DESTINY THIEF IN ORDER TO REVIVE VALERIANA, WHO HAD DIED.



VALERIANA FORIERI

SHE WAS ONCE A BRIGHT, CHEERFUL GIRL WITHOUT ANY CARES, BUT SHE BECAME A DESTINY THIEF WITH GLORIOUS. SHE CURRENTLY IS IN A NEARLY COMATOSE STATE...

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VERMILLION

A DESTINY THIEF. HE HAPPENED ACROSS HIROKAZU AND, LIKING HIS INNOCENCE, MADE HIM INTO A FELLOW DESTINY THIEF. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT MOTIVATES HIM TO DO THINGS THAT HE DOES.

NATSUMI KOTARU

A SLIGHTLY UNUSUAL GIRL, FULL OF SPUNK. HER BOYFRIEND HIROMU WAS ERASED BY GLORIOUS, AND HER MEMORIES OF HIM SHOULD HAVE BEEN ERASED ALONG WITH HIM, BUT....

HIROMU NISHIZAWA

NATSUMI'S BOYFRIEND, WHO LOOKED JUST LIKE GLORIOUS. GLORIOUS ERASED HIM AND UNCONSCIOUSLY BEGAN TO LIVE HIS LIFE AS HIROMU.

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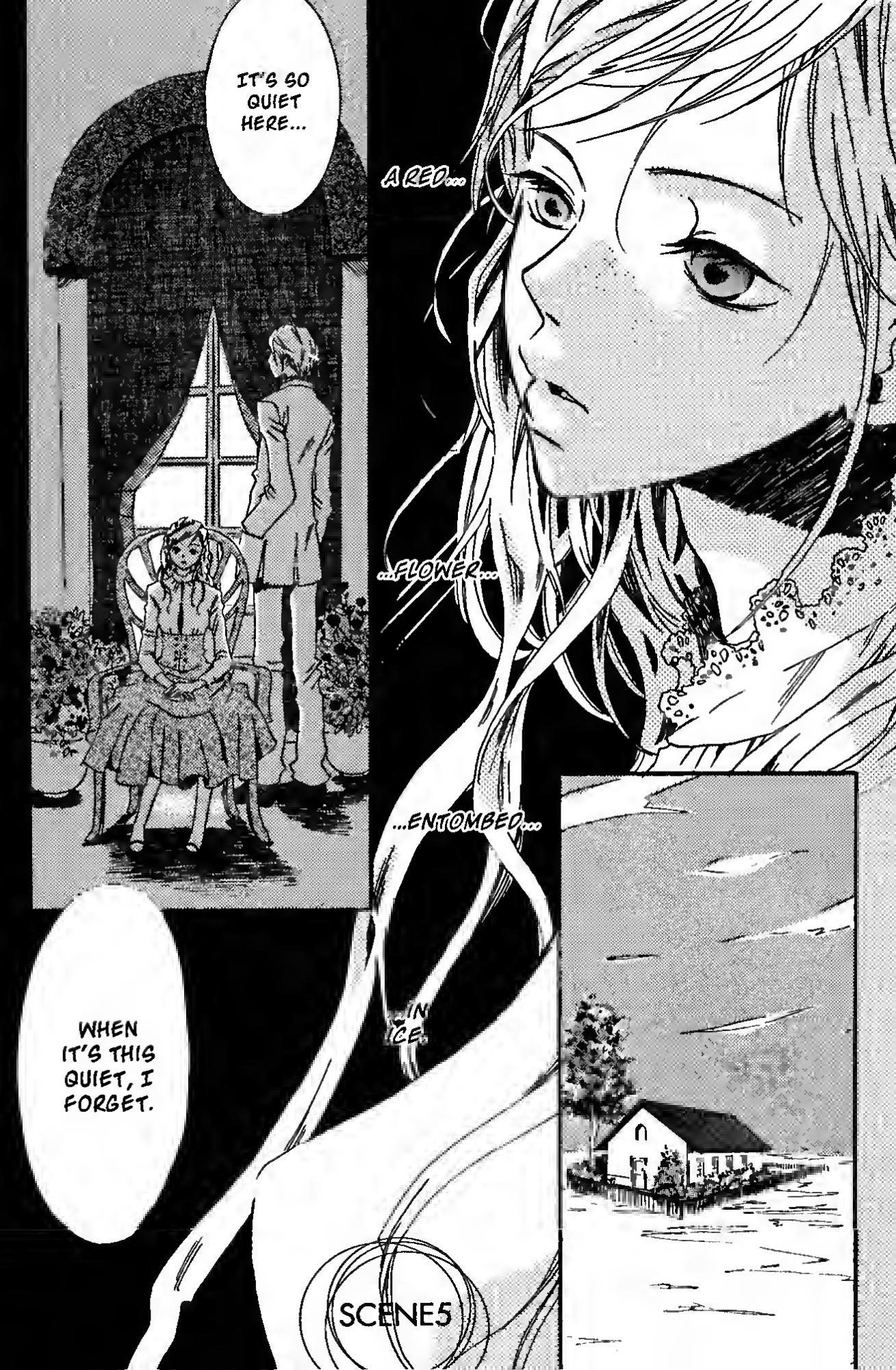
IT'S SO QUIET HERE...
A RED...
...FLOWER...
...ENTOMBED...
IN ICE.
WHEN IT'S THIS QUIET, I FORGET.
SCENE5

VALERI-
ANA...
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN...
A DOLL...
...THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ALIVE...
...SINCE THE DAY...
...WITH A SECRETLY BURNING GAZE...

...TIME STOPPED FOR YOU?
...HOT ENOUGH TO DRY UP...
...CRIMSON TEARS!
SCENE.5
Million Tears

HEY, VALERIANA!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO LAG BEHIND, WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE YOU.
IT'S BEEN A VERY LONG TIME... HASN'T IT?
HEY.
WHAT IS SHE SULKING ABOUT?
Ugh, this is why I hate women.
Booo.
I WANT TO GO TO A DIFFERENT COUNTRY.
WHA--?
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THE PEOPLE HERE ARE ALL TOO UNHAPPY.
I'M SURE THEY WOULDN'T TASTE GOOD...
EEHH? REALLY? THEY'RE DELICIOUS.
I like them. ♥
DON'T TELL ME... YOU FEEL SORRY FOR THEM?
IT'S NOT THAT!!

VALERIANA!!
THAT'S RIGHT, GLORIOUS.
OF COURSE SHE WOULDN'T THINK THAT.
VALERIANA HAS DIED ONCE...
...BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY DID TO HER.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO FEEL SORRY FOR THEM ABOUT.
BESIDES ...

...THEIR LIVES AND MOMENTS...
BY OUR EATING...
...THAT WERE OVERFLOWING WITH SADNESS...
...ALL TURN TO NOTHING-NESS.

WE DESTINY THIEVES...
...CHANGE EVERYTHING INTO NOTHINGNESS.
I MEAN...
...YOU CAN TALK LIKE THAT WHEN YOU CAN GET MEALS FOR YOURSELF.
I KNOW THAT.
BUT IT'S MEAN TO LEAVE ME ALONE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
Demon!
Try doing it yourself
Him
HEY, ARE YOU AN AMERICAN?
ARE WE ANGELS, OR ARE WE DEVILS?
YOU CAN'T ALWAYS BE DEPENDENT ON GLORIOUS.

bop
OH NO!! I FORGOT TO ERASE THE SIGNS OF MY PRESENCE!!
HEEEY!! OVER HERE, EVERY-BODY!!!
GET THE AMERICAN !!
GO BACK TO YOUR OWN COUNTRY!! GO BACK!!
HEY!! LET'S TIE HER UP!!
S-STOP, PLEASE!!

STOP IT.
LET THE GIRL GO.
AAAAAAAHHH!!
Who's this guy? He's in the army and he's siding with Americans?

ARE YOU OKAY?
Dammit, what's with that guy?
YOU'RE... A LITTLE HURT, AREN'T YOU?
AH!
YOU SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR THOSE GUYS. IT'S DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO BE BY YOURSELF.
IT'S DANGEROUS HERE NOW.
COME TO MY PLACE, AND WE'LL BANDAGE YOU UP.
PLEASE DON'T TOUCH...
...ME!
FIRST, LET'S HIDE THAT BLONDE HAIR OF YOURS.
There
HEY!

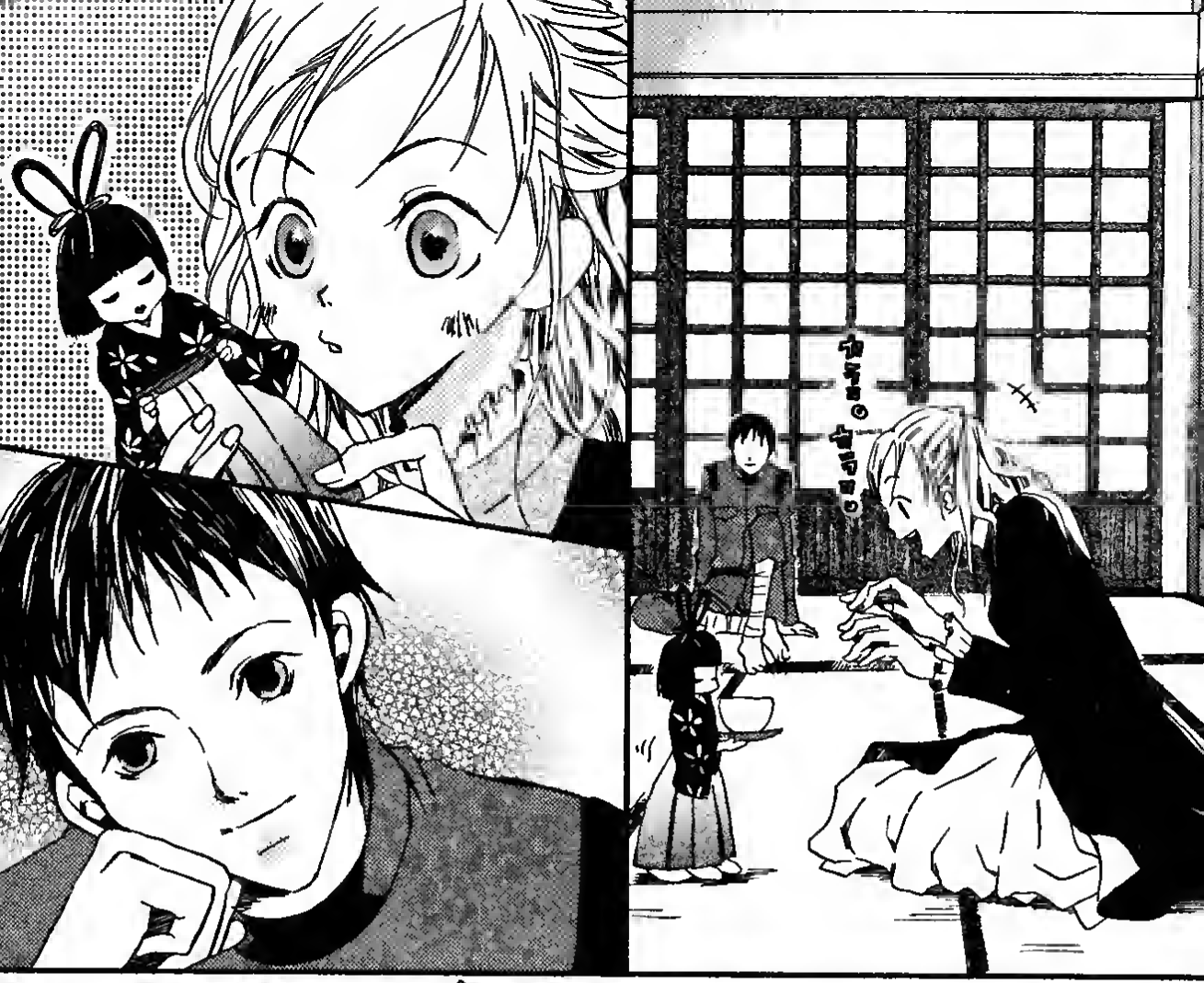
Aaaahh!!
I'M ALL RIGHT!
L-let go of me! Please let go of me!
A SCRAPE LIKE THIS WILL HEAL IN NO TIME!!!
Aaahh
Ahh...
I DON'T NEED ANY BANDAG-ING!! NO THANK YOU!!
Here.
I'M NOT UP TO ANYTHING.
...BUT MESS WITH ME, AND THINGS WILL GET VERY FRIGHTENING!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO...

IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME, IF YOU'RE JAPANESE OR A FOREIGNER.
WHAT IF I'M NOT HUMAN?
So come over here.
I AM A DESTINY THIEF, ONE WHO LIVES BY EATING PEOPLE'S LIVES.
THE VERY FACT THAT THESE PEOPLE WHOM I'VE EATEN EVER EXISTED DISAPPEARS.
AND THERE IS NOTHING OF THEM LEFT IN ANYONE'S MEMORIES...
IN FACT, I AM NOT HUMAN.
SO... EVEN NOW...

EVEN NOW I COULD ERASE YOU COMPLETELY.
WILL YOU STILL HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME?
WOW.
YOU HAVE QUITE AN IMAGINATION.
Are you going to be a writer someday?
I'M NOT MAKING IT UP!!
There, there.
Ha ha ha
BUT I AM SHOCKED. DO I REALLY LOOK LIKE I'M UP TO SOMETHING?
BUT IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE...

IF IT WAS TRUE...
I MIGHT HAVE LET YOU ERASE ME...
HUH?
AAHH, THAT WAS TOUGH.
WHO...IS THIS MAN...?
There! Finished!
TA DAH
When did--?!!

WHY WOULD HE SAY SUCH A THING?
OH, YEAH. WAIT HERE A SEC.
I'LL BRING SOMETHING GOOD.
A MECHANICAL DOLL.
WOW-WOW-WOOOW!! THIS IS...A CLACK-CLACK DOLL, ISN'T IT?!!
Oooohh!♥
I-IT'S AMAZING!! MAY I TOUCH IT?!
MY GRANDFATHER REALLY LIKES THEM. I DO TOO, ESPECIALLY THIS ONE.



I SAID, LET'S GO!!
I'M TELLING YOU!! WE CAN LEAVE NOW!!
SHE'S FINALLY LEARNING TO STAND ON HER OWN TWO FEET.
WHO SAYS SHE HAS TO STAND ON HER OWN?!
IF I CAN BE WITH HER FOREVER, SHE DOESN'T NEED TO!

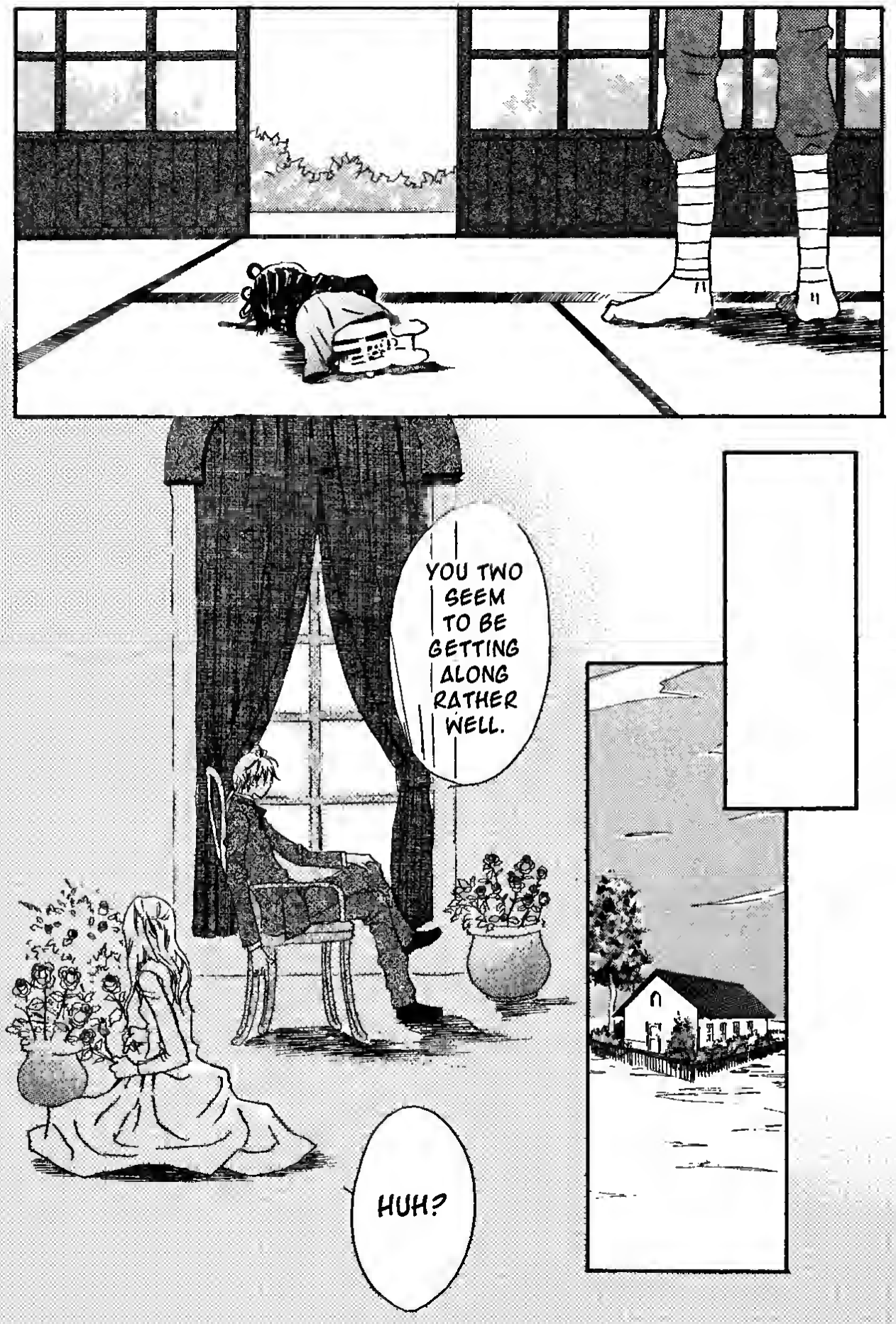
ISN'T THIS SOMEONE'S HOUSE?
STILL...
VERMILLION... SOMETIMES, I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU...
Just sometimes?
Ooh, you two are so hot for each other!!
THAT VALERIANA... IS SHE REALLY IN THERE?

IN EX-CHANGE ...
I-I-I CAN REALLY HAVE IT?!!
VALERI-ANA?!!
If you like it that much
Wow! It's amazing!!
Eh?

WILL YOU TRUST ME?

WH-WHO ARE YOU?
HIRO-KAZU!!
GET OUT OF THE WAY...
...VALERI-ANA.

NO!
PLEASE, WAIT!!
WHY ARE YOU STOPPING ME?
H-HE'S ...
...MY PREY.
OH!! SO YOU'RE FINALLY READY TO DO IT!!
Good for you!
VERMILLION!!
LET'S WITHDRAW FOR NOW.


YOU TWO SEEM TO BE GETTING ALONG RATHER WELL.
HUH?

HUMANS...
...ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

THEY BETRAY YOU SO EASILY...
...YET THEY JUST AS EASILY TELL YOU TO TRUST THEM.
THEY THINK THAT THEIR WEAKNESSES WILL BECOME STRONG BY PEOPLE "BELIEVING" IN THEM.
AND THEY BREAK OTHERS.
THEY THEMSELVES BREAK.
WE KNOW THAT, DON'T WE?
THAT'S WHY WE QUIT BEING HUMANS, ISN'T IT?

WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.
NO, NOT EVEN DEATH.
WE ARE NO LONGER WEAK HUMANS.

"TODAY YOU WILL DO IT RIGHT. RIGHT...?"

IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN'T DO IT, AFTER ALL...
HMM? WHY AM I SO RELIEVED...?
HUH? WHAT'S... THIS...?!!
HH

I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO BATTLE ANYMORE!!!
WHAT?!! THIS IS ...!!!
I DON'T WANT TO KILL ANY MORE PEOPLE!!

BECAUSE IT MEANS KILLING A PERSON WHO'S DEAR TO SOMEONE.
I LEARNED THAT LESSON FROM LOSING SOMEONE DEAR TO ME.
OH, I WISH I COULD JUST DISAPPEAR-- LIKE MELTING INTO THE WIND. WITHOUT MAKING ANYONE SAD, I...
I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO BATTLE ANYMORE.

...WISH I
COULD JUST
DISAPPEAR...

★SCENE 5★ END

SCENE6

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THAT WAS A SURPRISE.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AFTER YOU LEFT?
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU BEING HERE WHEN I WOKE UP THIS MORNING.

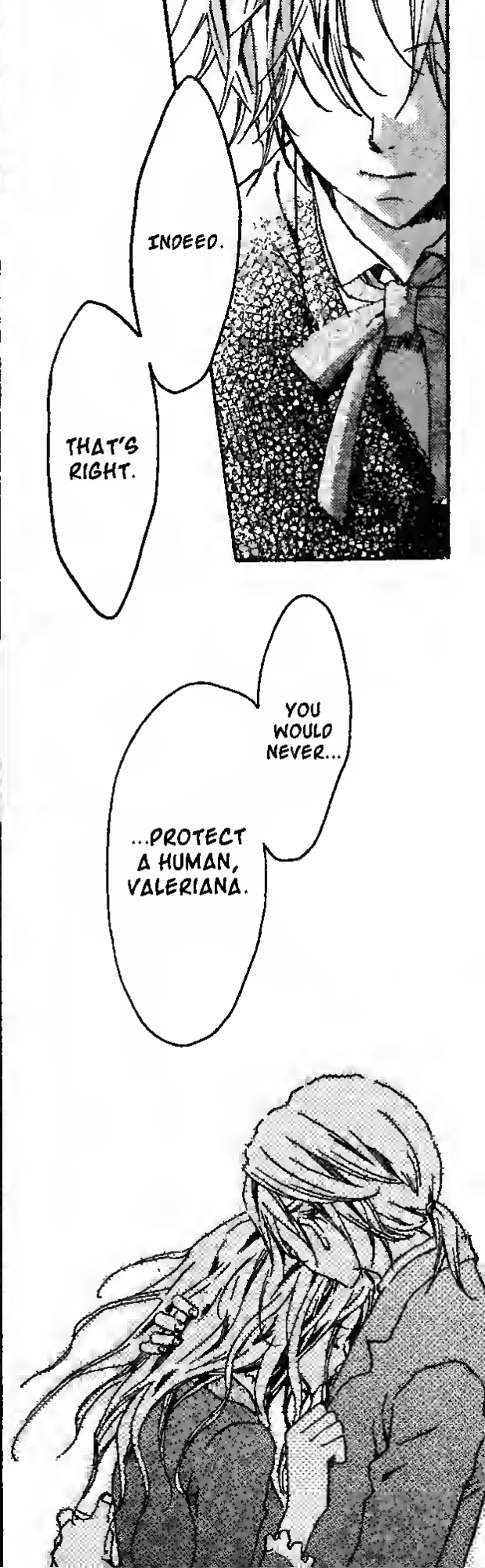
IT'S BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T ...
...BEHAVE AND BE MY PREY ...!!
IT'S YOUR FAULT!!
P-PREY?
H-HEY... WHAT'S THE MATTER?! COME ON, DON'T CRY!!
THAT WON'T BE NEC-ESSARY.
I'LL BRING YOU SOMETHING TO EAT. OKAY? OKAY?
OH!! I BET YOU'RE HUNGRY.

SHE'S BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU ALL THIS TIME, HASN'T SHE?
THAT YOU ARE HER FOOD.
YOU... FROM YESTERDAY ...!!
HIRO-KAZU...
OH.
I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF, HAVE I?
I AM...

ACTUALLY, THERE WOULD BE NO POINT...
...WHO IS GOING TO DISAPPEAR, WOULD THERE?
...IN INTRODUCING MYSELF TO SOMEONE...
PLEASE WAIT!!!

VALERIANA!! YOU'RE GOING TO PROTECT HIM?!
TOMOR-ROW.
NO!! IT'S NOT THAT!!
I, TOO...
PLEASE WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW.
I WOULD LIKE TO TRY ERASING A HUMAN WITH MY OWN HANDS, TOO...
HA HA.

AFTER BEING FALSELY ACCUSED...
...AND BEING KILLED... IN SUCH A CRUEL WAY...
YOU COULD NEVER FORGIVE THEM.


INDEED.
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU WOULD NEVER...
...PROTECT A HUMAN, VALERIANA.

WELL, THEN...
I'LL BE BACK TOMORROW.
I PROMISE.

HE...
HE DISAP-PEARED ...?
"I AM A DESTINY THIEF, ONE WHO LIVES BY EATING PEOPLE'S LIVES."
"THE VERY FACT THAT...
IT...IT CAN'T BE! THAT'S...!!
I AM THE SAME AS HIM.
...THESE PEOPLE... EVER EXISTED DISAPPEARS."
AND WHAT I WAS SAYING YESTER-DAY...
...IS THE TRUTH.
"AND THERE IS/NOTHING OF THEM LEFT IN ANYONE'S MEMORIES."

I SEE...
AND YET I STILL...
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...SAID THOSE UNKIND THINGS.
LIKE... HOW I WOULD GIVE THIS TO YOU IF YOU WOULD TRUST ME...
YOU CAN HAVE IT.
EH?
BUT ...
IT'S OKAY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRUST ME.
IN EXCHANGE, WILL YOU WAIT A LITTLE LONGER...
...BEFORE YOU ERASE ME?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO DO FIRST.

YUP, THIS IS IT.
IS THIS... WHAT YOU WANTED TO DO?
THEN THE FIRES OF WAR GOT TO IT, AND I THOUGHT IT WAS A GONER.
THIS TREE USED TO BLOOM PURE WHITE FLOWERS AROUND THIS TIME EVERY YEAR.
BUT THERE ARE LOTS OF BUDS ON IT.
AND I THINK... MAYBE ...

...AND HAS LEFT THIS WORLD.
...BUT SHE WAS TAKEN BY THE SAME FIRE THAT GOT THIS TREE...
YOU MUST REALLY LOVE THIS TREE.
YEAH.
THE TRUTH IS, MY GIRL LOVED IT...
SHOULD WE BE HEADING BACK?
NOW, THEN...
OUCH, HOW CAN YOU SAY MEAN THINGS LIKE THAT?
FLOWERS WON'T GROW ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

I KNOW.
BUT...
LIVING THINGS...
...ARE LIKE THAT.
YOU KNOW, I'VE TAKEN THE LIVES OF SO MANY PEOPLE.
I FEEL LIKE MY BODY IS BEING CRUSHED BY THE WEIGHT OF MY SINS, AND...
...IF I CAN GET THESE FLOWERS TO BLOOM...
JUST A LITTLE.
...I COULD BE SAVED.
...I FEEL LIKE...

I WILL PUT YOU TO REST.
WHAT?
NO NEED TO WORRY!! I WILL SAVE YOU!!
YOUR EXISTENCE ...
THE THINGS YOU'VE DONE UNTIL NOW...
THE MARKS YOU LEFT IN LIFE...
...WILL NEVER HAVE BEEN.

SOMEHOW TERRIBLY COLD... SOMEHOW... KIND...
SOMEHOW, LONESOME...
I WILL RETURN THEM ALL TO NOTHING-NESS.
IT'S A STRANGE WORD.
NOTH-INGNESS... HUH...?

HEY... YOU...
ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY IN THERE?
YES.
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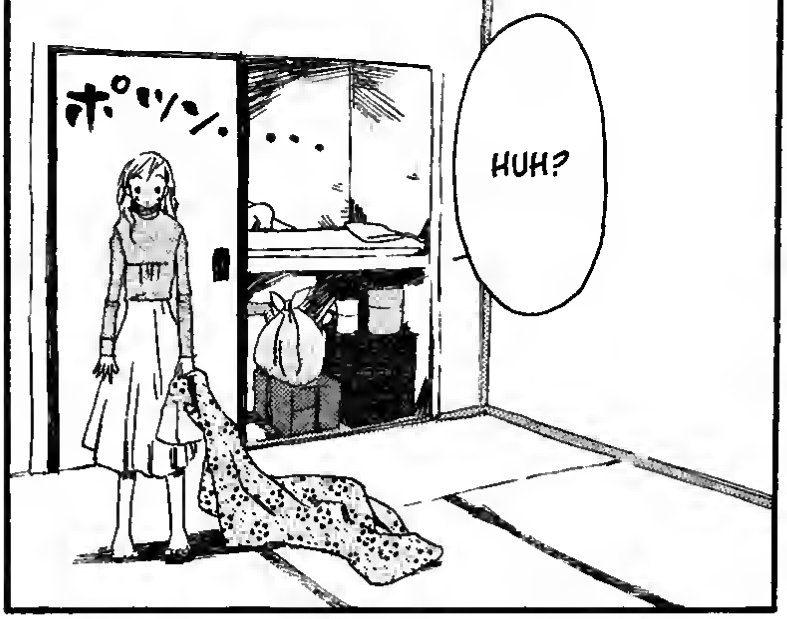
GOOD NIGHT!
GOOD... NIGHT...
She's not nervous at all...
TOMORROW, I WILL...
TOMOR-ROW...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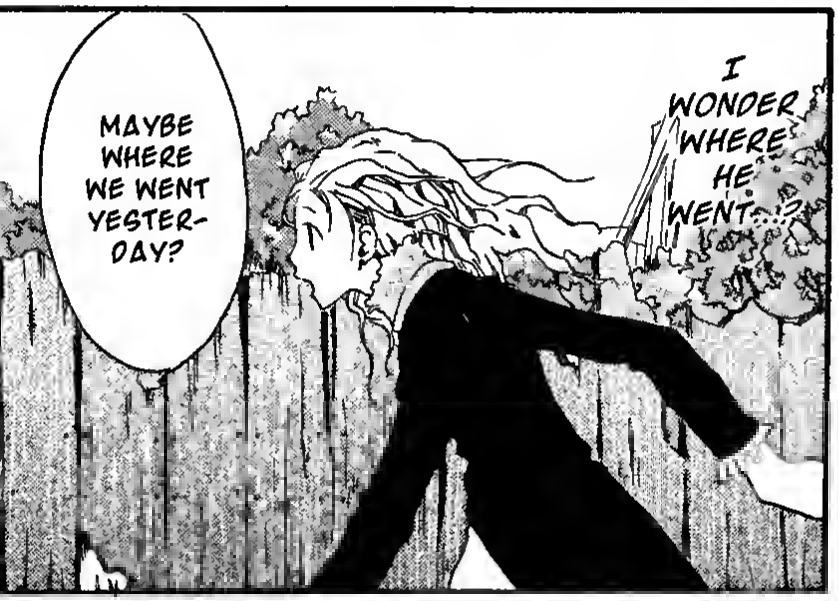
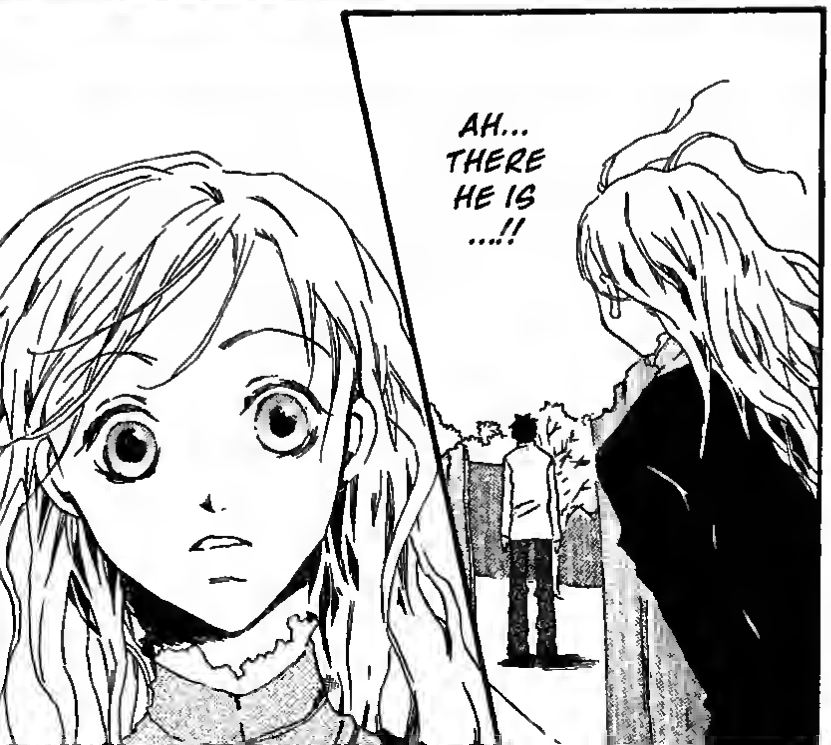
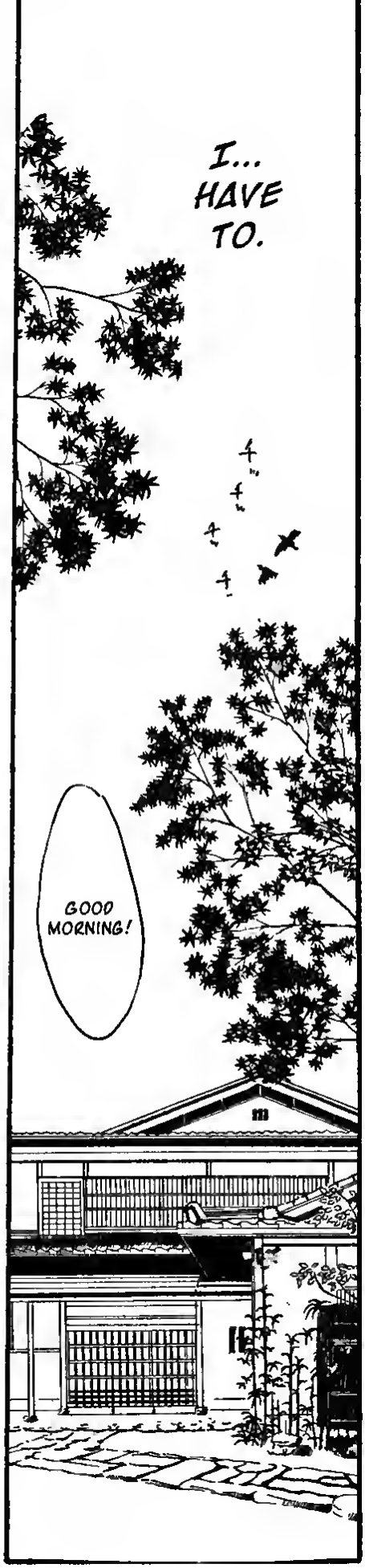
HUH?


I WONDER WHERE HE WENT...?
MAYBE WHERE WE WENT YESTER-DAY?


AH... THERE HE IS ...!!


I... HAVE TO.
GOOD MORNING!

IT'S BEEN SO LONG...
...SINCE I'VE BEEN THIS HAPPY.
AND... WHEN I LOOK AT THESE FLOWERS ...
...A STRANGE FEELING COMES OVER ME.
LIKE I COULD MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE.
IT'S AS THOUGH MY GIRL IS STILL NEXT TO ME, GIVING ME COURAGE.
A STRANGE FEELING INDEED...
IT'S A STRANGE FEELING ...
HEY...
WOULD IT BE OKAY IF I RAN AWAY FROM YOU GUYS?

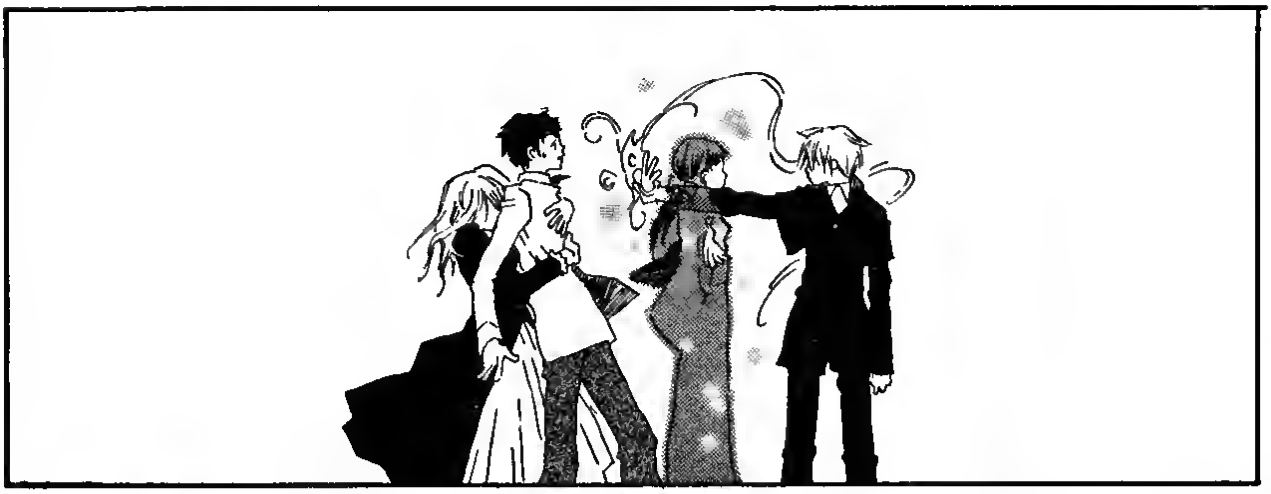
WHY...
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THAT?
I'M SORRY...
I FELT THAT YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND...
I DON'T WANT TO UNDER-STAND...

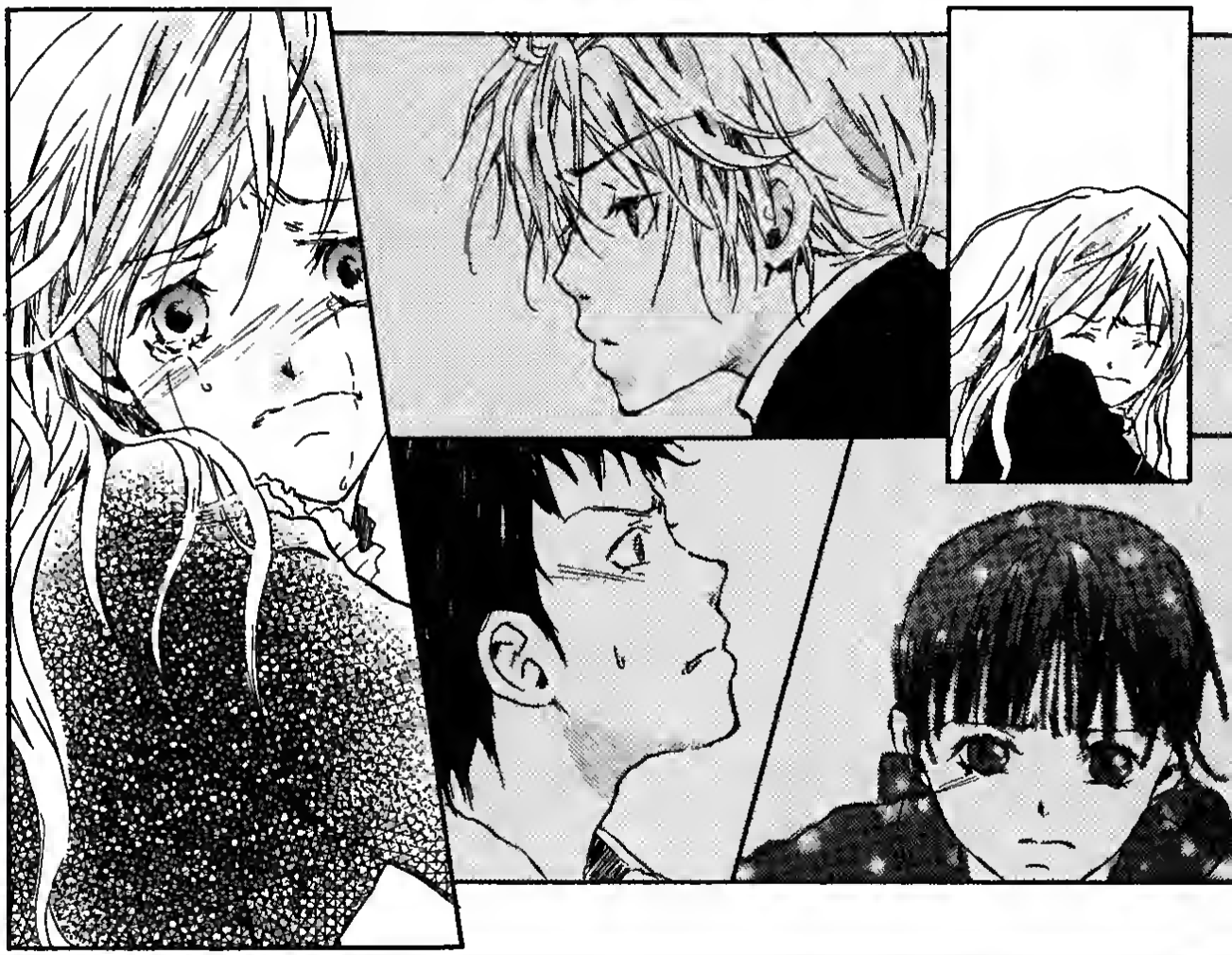
LETTING YOU RUN AWAY...
DENYING HIROKAZU, BETRAYING HIM...
I...
...CAN'T DO THAT!!
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU--
VALERIANA WOULD NEVER BETRAY ME.

MAKING ASSUMPTIONS IS WHAT YOU HUMANS ARE BEST AT.
GIVING YOU COURAGE?
THE POWER TO MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE?
EVEN IF YOU DID GO ON LIVING, YOU WOULD ONLY ADD TO YOUR SINS.
YOU ALL ARE SUCH A BOTHER.
IT WOULD BE BEST IF HUMANITY DISAPPEARED.
BESIDES, I WOULDN'T LET YOU GET AWAY.
BECAUSE I CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF YOU.

IT'S LIKE HIROKAZU SAYS...
HOPE...
...IS NO MORE THAN AN ILLUSION...
GIVE IT UP... EITHER WAY, YOU CAN'T ESCAPE.
WHAT...? SPOTS OF LIGHT?
I'M SURE THIS IS... FOR THE BEST...
EVEN FOR THIS PERSON!...
HUH?

IS THAT...
...HIS SWEET-HEART ...?
DISAP-PEAR.





...REALIZE UNTIL NOW...?

WHY DIDN'T I...

THAT'S RIGHT...

I SEE...

OH...

...DIFFERENT THAN WE THINK.
...ARE VERY... VERY...
DYING, AND BECOMING NOTHING...
HIROKAZU...

VALERIANA!!
I...SAW, I REALIZED...
...THAT THIS EARTH...
...IS FLOODED WITH...
...THE HEARTS, THE MEMORIES...
...OF THOSE BORN INTO IT...

AGAIN. IT'S MY FAULT... WHAT A TERRIBLE THING...
YEAH ...
AGAIN...
IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID... MAYBE I REALLY...
YOU CAN... ERASE ME...
NO.
WHAT?
...SHOULDN'T BE ALIVE!!

AAAAUUGHHH!
I'LL NEVER ERASE YOU...
I WON'T DO YOU THE FAVOR OF TURNING YOU TO NOTHING.
YOU CAN GO ON LIVING IN AGONY.

VERMIL-
LION!!
But I like that about you.
WELL! YOU'VE GOT A PRETTY...BAD PERSONALITY YOURSELF.
VALERIANA'S...!!
VALERIANA'S...
IT'S OKAY.
BUT...
HER BODY HASN'T DISAPPEARED, YOU SEE?
BUT?
SHE'S A DESTINY THIEF LIKE US... SHE WON'T DIE.

NOT EVEN I...

HER HEART... SEEMS TO HAVE FROZEN OVER...

★SCENE 6★ END

SCENE7

"WHERE IS HIROMU?"

"HEY!! DON'T YOU KNOW?!!"

"NO!! WHY?!!"

"HE WAS HERE UNTIL YESTERDAY!!!"

"HE'S MY BOYFRIEND...!!"

"I'M NOT LYING!!! YOU ALL KNOW HIM, DON'T YOU?"

"WHY?!! I'M NOT SICK!!!"

SCENE7
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GOOD MORNING!
NATSUMI-SENPAI!
♥
WHAT'S THIIIS? YOU'RE ALONE AGAIN TODAY?
Heh heh.
HAVEN'T YOU FOUND THAT BOYFRIEND YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT YET?
CUT IT OUT, MAI.

AH, I SEE. SORRY, SORRY.
STOP, OR SHE'LL GO CRAZY AND WILL HAVE TO STAY AT THE HOSPITAL TO BE HELD BACK YET ANOTHER YEAR.
I feel sorry for her.
AND STOP CALLING HER SENPAI.
SHE'S KIND OF OUR CLASSMATE, YOU...
...KNOW.
AH...

You jerk!!
Gyaahh! What is with you?!
OH...
SORRY, SORRY.
Huh? It's all gone

HIROMU!!!
HEEEY! GLORIOUS!

NO!! IT HAS TO BE...!!
H-HEY, WAIT!!!
YEAH, YEAH! I'M COMING!!
HIROMU ...?
HUH...?
Where's my cola?
THAT'S ...
YOU'RE MISTAKING ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

THAT'S THE GUY WHO TOOK HIROMU AWAY
PEPSI
Empty?
SEN-SEI!!!
FACULTY ROOM
HIROMU'S BACK!!
IT'S HIROMU!!
AH!
WHAT CLASS ARE THEY IN?!!
AH... YES...
TWO OF--
SOME STUDENTS JUST TRANSFERRED HERE, RIGHT?!!

THERE'S ONE OF THEM NOW!
OH, BUT HIS NAME ISN'T HIROMU.
IT WAS GLORI- SOMETHING, I THINK...
HE'S IN...
WAIT!!!
EH?
ニっぜん…

HEY... HIROMU...!! YOU ARE HIROMU, AREN'T YOU?
HEY!!
WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW ME?
I'VE...
...BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU! ALL THIS TIME...!!

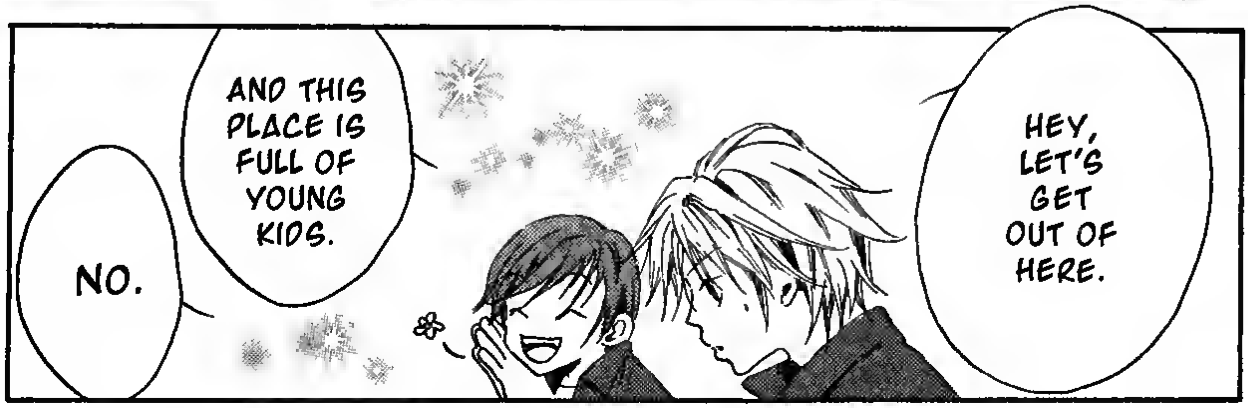
FOR TWO YEARS, I...
...NEVER FORGOT YOU...
...EVEN ONCE...

YOU'RE SO ANNOYING.
STAY AWAY FROM US...
ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN US. UNDER-STAND?

HIROMU...?

NEXT TIME, WE'LL ERASE YOU.

Whatever...
BOY, SCHOOL IS FUN!!
BEEEEEP
WELL, I DID WANT TO EXPERIENCE IT ONCE, THOUGH.
MAN, I REALLY CAN'T TELL WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
SUDDENLY SAYING YOU WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL.
YOU KNOW, BEING A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?


HEY, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
AND THIS PLACE IS FULL OF YOUNG KIDS.
NO.

WHY?
NO REASON ...
NO WAY! THIS IS WHERE WE HAD OUR FAMOUS REUNION, GLORIOUS.
Wha-?
WE CAN GO TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL!!!
IS IT... BECAUSE THAT GIRL IS HERE?
WELL, IF SHE STILL REMEMBERS...
I'M TELLING YOU, DON'T WORRY. YOU ERASED HER MEMORIES, RIGHT?

...YOU JUST HAVE TO ERASE HER THIS TIME.
♥GLORIOUS-KUN! ♥TSUBASA-♥KUN! ♥
COOOMING!
Tsu- Tsu- basa?!

HIROMU WASN'T HERE TODAY, EITHER ...
STOP IT!!
WHERE DID HE GO?
WHY DOESN'T ANYONE REMEMBER HIM?
It says!
"I'M SURE HIROMU WAS HERE"...
Oh, she really is crazy!!
GIVE IT BACK!! GIVE IT BACK!!
DIARY

IF YOU WOULD JUST GO ALONG WITH EVERYONE, NO ONE WOULD DO THESE THINGS TO YOU.
DIARY
YOU KNOW, YOU REALLY ARE STUPID.
DIARY
NO... I CAN'T DO THAT.
I CAN'T LIE TO MYSELF!!

I BELIEVE HER.
WHA--?
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS GIRL?! SHE'S SERIOUS!! SERIOUS!!
Scary!
I'm telling you, she's crazy!!
IS SHE NOW?
YOU'RE THAT GUY!!
Ahh
The cola guy.

LET'S SAY ...
...THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE CALLED DESTINY THIEVES...
...WHO LIVE BY EATING OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES.
THOSE PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES ARE EATEN...
...WILL BE DELETED FROM OUR MEMORY. THE VERY FACT THAT THEY EVEN EXISTED WILL BE NO MORE.
DESTINY THIEVES...
...WOULD PRODUCE...
...A STICK LIKE THIS FROM SOMEWHERE...

...WEAR CLOTHES LIKE THIS...
...AND BID FAREWELL TO THOSE HUMANS BY SAYING...

...."DISAP-
PEAR."

S--
STOP!!
AH...
AAHH!

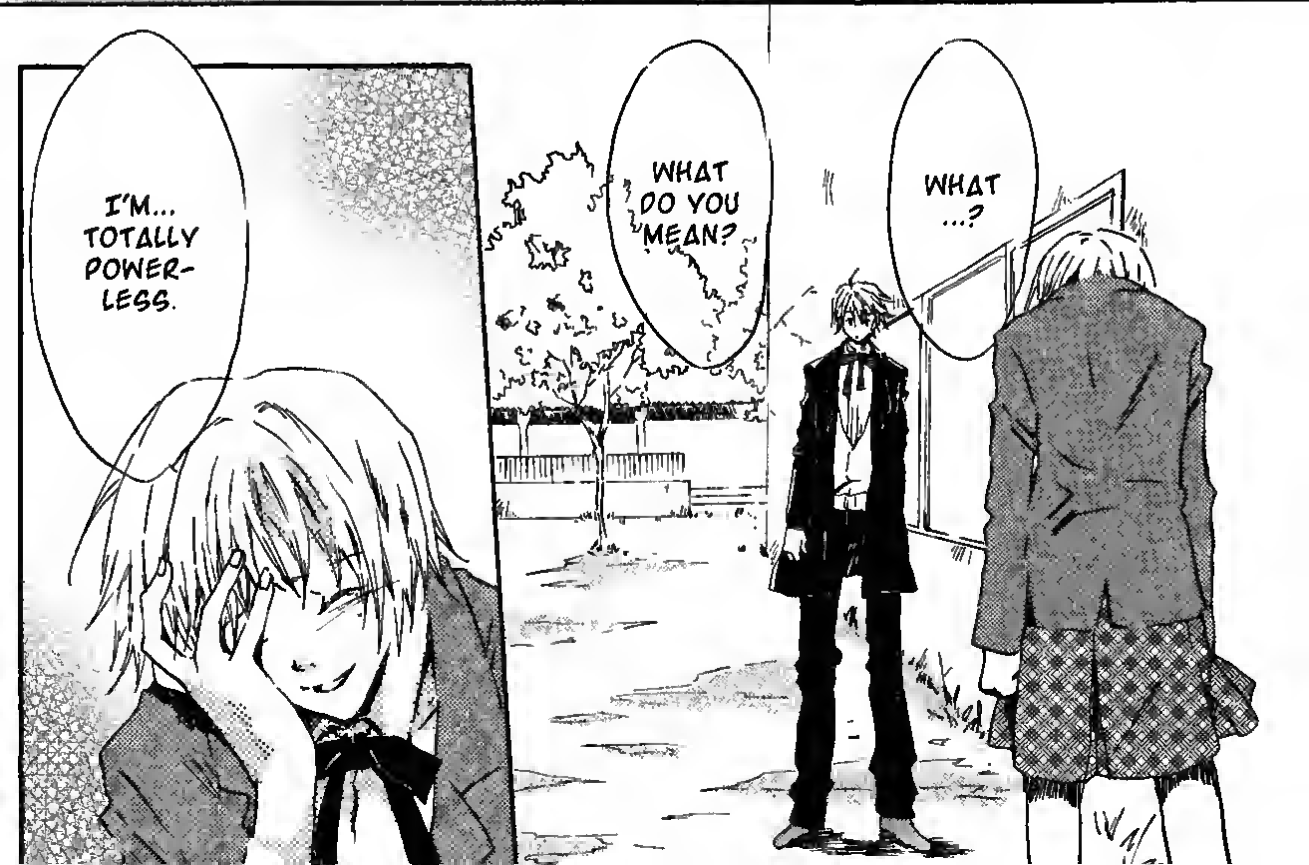
WHA--?!
SAD...
... THING ...?
WHAT ...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! WHY DID YOU STOP ME?!
WHY NOT JUST LET THOSE GIRLS DISAP-PEAR?!!
I KNOW THAT YOU'RE DIFFERENT THAN YOU USED TO BE, HIROMU!!
AND I KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT REALLY HUMAN!! BUT...!!
DON'T DO SUCH A SAD THING...

ERASING THE MARKS... PEOPLE MADE IN LIFE...!!
IT'S TOO SAD...!!
SHUT UP...
SHUT UP!!

THEN ARE YOU TELLING ME TO DISAPPEAR?!
ARE YOU DENYING THAT WE ARE ALSO LIVING BEINGS?!!

A LOVER WHO WAS HUMAN ...
I EVEN HAVE A LOVER...
WE PLEDGED ETERNITY TOGETHER ...

I CAN'T BACK OUT!!


I'M... TOTALLY POWER-LESS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT ...?

IF YOU UNDERSTAND, THAT'S ENOUGH...
I WILL ERASE YOUR MEMORIES.
SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO CRY ANY-MORE.
DON'T!!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?!
I DON'T MIND CRYING!! I DON'T WANT TO FORGET!!
IT'S NO USE ERASING MY MEMORIES ANYWAY!!! I'LL REMEMBER AGAIN EVERY TIME!!!

IF YOU INSIST ON ERASING THEM...
ERASE ME!!!
GLOOOORIOUS!!

HEY! WHERE ARE YOU, GLORIOUS?
"YOU ERASED HER MEMORIES, RIGHT?"
V- VERMILLION!!!
"WELL, EVEN IF SHE DID REMEMBER..."
"YOU JUST HAVE TO ERASE HER THIS TIME."

★SCENE 7★ END

Sheesh. Where did he go?
V- VERMIL- LION!!!
HEY! GLORIOUS!

WHAT?
WHAT AM I DOING?
WHAT

EH?
JUST DO IT!!!
HIDE!!

SCENE8

SCENE8
AM I DOING
Million Tears

OH, THERE YOU ARE.
WHAT'S UP? WHAT'S WITH THESE GIRLS?
DID YOU MESS UP?
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GLORIOUS?
AH... WELL...
MAN, YOU'RE SUCH A SCREW-UP...

WELL, I GUESS IT'S BETTER THAN THE OTHER TIME.
THE TIME YOU ATE THAT HIROMU GUY.
NOW, THAT WAS TERRIBLE.
ガシャガシャ!

THEN... YOU'RE... NOT... HIROMU?
IDIOT!!!
WHAT... DOES THAT MEAN?!
YOU MEAN... YOU ATE HIROMU?!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, GLORIOUS?
WHY DOES SHE REMEMBER HIROMU?

I KNOW I ERASED HER MEMORIES BACK THEN!!!
N-NO!!
COULD IT BE... I'VE BEEN TRICKED?

...I'LL ERASE THE GIRL MYSELF.
HMMM. SO BASICALLY, YOU SCREWED UP.
THEN THIS TIME, SO THAT THERE'S NO MESSING UP...
S-STOP...

SHE DISAPPEARED...!!
V-VERMIL-LION?
IT WASN'T ME.

IT WASN'T ME...
OW...
OW OW OW OW...
WHERE ...?
SOMEONE'S HOUSE...?

DID YOU...
...SAVE... ME?
A... GIRL?
OH... IT COULDN'T BE...
THIS PICTURE IS TOO OLD.
EH ...?
IS THIS... HIROMU?!

OH.
THIS?
?!
AH...
AH...

WHAT...IS THIS...?
MIKA-SAMA HAS ARRIVED
HIROMU...?
"MY NAME IS VALERIANA!!"
HUH? HIRO... KAZU?
"I'M HIROKAZU..."
WHAT?!!

"I'M FED UP WITH HUMANS."
"YOU THINK SHE'S A WITCH?!! SHE COULDN'T BE!!"
"I'LL KILL THEM!! I'LL KILL THEM ALL!!"
"I DON'T NEED A HUMAN NAME!!! FROM TODAY ON, MY NAME IS GLORIOUS..."
"STOP!! STOP IT!!!"

"LET'S LIVE ON TOGETHER... FOR ALL ETERNITY..."
"WE'LL LIVE ON, EATING HUMANS' LIVES AND TIMES..."
"...AS DESTINY THIEVES."
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

WHO KNOWS ...?
WELL, IF IT WASN'T YOU, VERMILLION...
WHO WAS IT?!
I HATE PEOPLE LIKE HER!!
I... HATE...
YOU GOT ATTACHED TO HER OR SOMETHING?
AND ANYWAY, WHY DOES IT BOTHER YOU SO MUCH?
NO!! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
I...
I HATE HYPOCRITES LIKE HER MORE THAN ANYTHING!
THEY MAKE ME SICK!!
THESE GIRLS WERE BULLYING HER, AND SHE PROTECTED THEM!!

"BULLYING," HUH?
THAT'S SO HUMAN.
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?
AND YOU, TOO...
HEH HEH... YOU'D HAVE TO BE.
IS IT HARD ON YOU?
ARE YOU IRRI-TATED?

YOU KNOW ...
YOU AND THE HUMANS YOU HATE SO MUCH...
...AREN'T SO DIFFERENT.

W--
WAIT!!!
AAAAAH!
AAH!
HA HA...

WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?!
YOUR MEMORIES ...?
HEY!! SAY SOME-THING!!!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE ONE I THOUGHT WAS MY BOY-FRIEND...
...IS YOUR LOVER GLORIOUS ?!!
YES...
AND GLORIOUS ...
...IS THE VERY ONE WHO ATE YOUR HIROMU.
I SEE YOU FINALLY UNDERSTAND.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO...
HAVE YOU... COME TO ERASE... ME?
カタ
I CAME TO MAKE YOU ONE OF US.
THAT GLORIOUS...
IT SEEMS HE'S TAKEN QUITE A LIKING TO YOU.

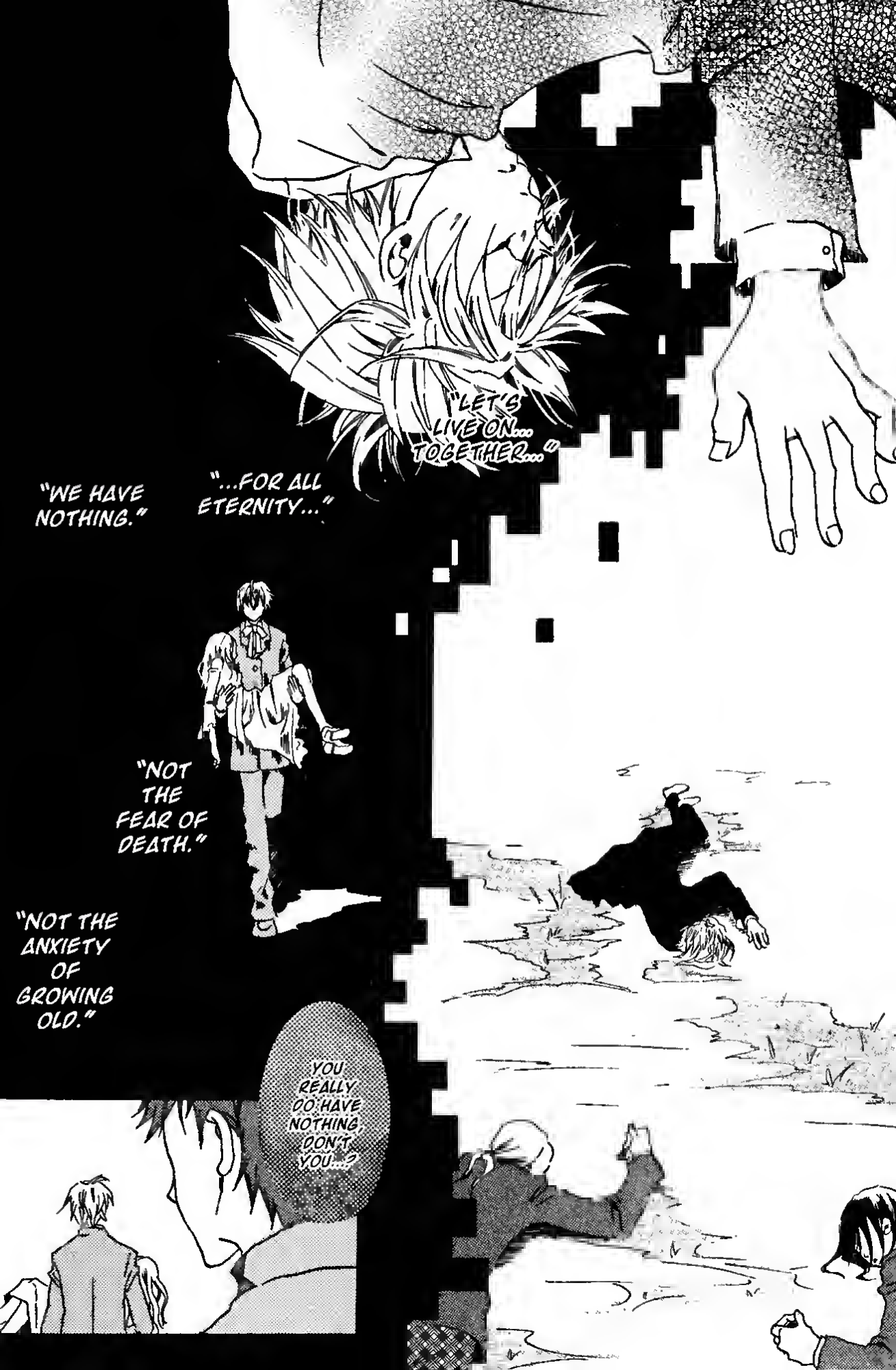
...EVERY-
THING HE
WANTS.
AND I
WANT
TO GIVE
HIM...
...TOP.
S...TOP...

STOP...
PL...EASE.
VALERIANA!!

NO... MORE.
PLEASE STOP... CREATING THIS...
...FALSE ETERNITY.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEVER AWAKEN.

...AWAKEN SOON...
I WILL...
SO...
I HAVE TO GO...
SO... IT'LL BE OVER...
ARE YOU LONELY...?

LONELY...
HUH.
IF I HAD BEEN...
...HUMAN LIKE THEM, MAYBE I WOULD KNOW.
CREAK
WELL... I DON'T KNOW.
LONELY... HUH?


"LET'S LIVE ON... TOGETHER..."
"...FOR ALL ETERNITY..."
"WE HAVE NOTHING."
"NOT THE FEAR OF DEATH."
"NOT THE ANXIETY OF GROWING OLD."
YOU REALLY DO HAVE NOTHING, DON'T YOU...?

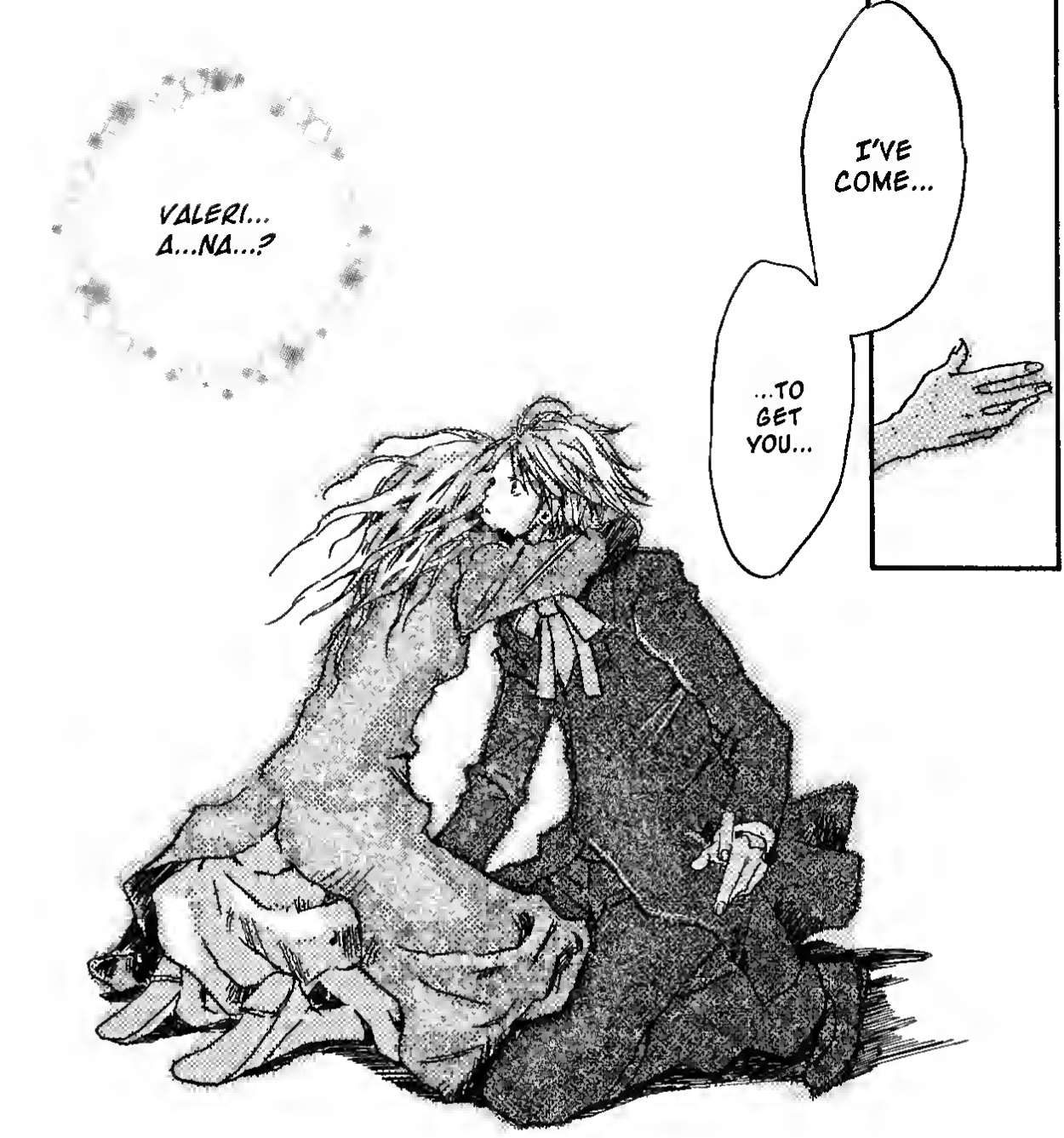
IS THAT...
...THE ETER-NITY...
...YOU'VE BEEN SEARCH-ING FOR?
SHUT UP!!! THIS HAPPENED...
...BECAUSE OF YOU!!!
IT'S... SAD...
IT'S TOO SAD...
ERASING THE MARKS...
...THAT PEOPLE MADE IN LIFE.
IT'S TOO SAD ...!!!

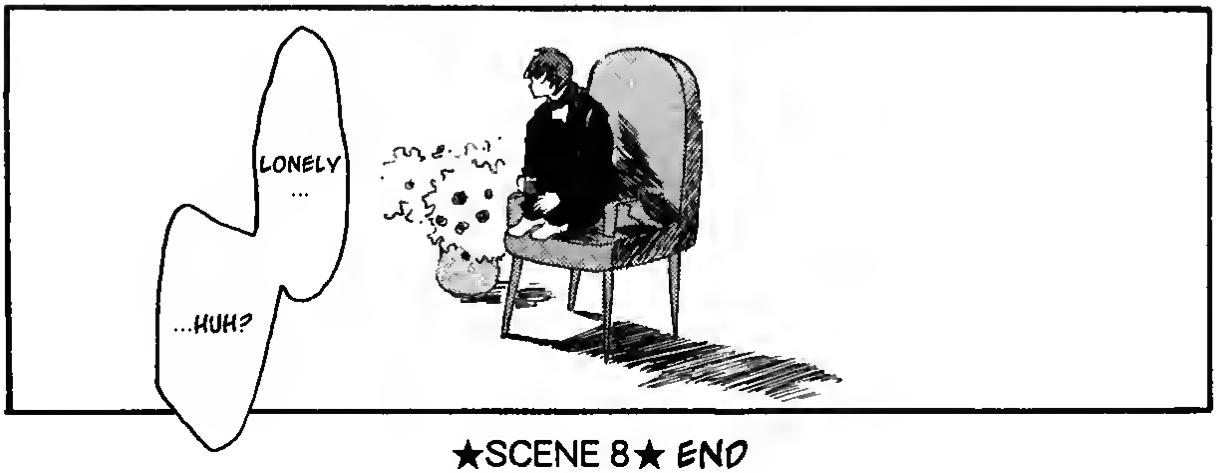
IS THAT REALLY...
...WHAT YOU WANT?
SHE'S RIGHT...
WHAT ...?!!
SHUT...
...UP !!!!
YOU'RE ALL HYPOCRITES!!!
THE TRUTH IS YOU DO WANT TO TELL US TO DISAPPEAR, ISN'T IT?!!
THEN ARE YOU ALL TELLING US TO DISAPPEAR?!!

TELLING US TO...
...DIS-APPEAR...
WHAT ...?
NO ONE CARES ABOUT YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT.
FA... THER ...?

AAAAAAHH!
WE ALL WANT YOU TO DISAPPEAR.

WAIT!! WAIT, PLEASE ...!!!
DON'T... DON'T DISAPPEAR !!!
NOW ...
RIGHT NOW!!
I'LL COLLECT SOME!!!
HIRO-KAZU.
SOME... HUMANS ...!!! I'LL--
THAT... VOICE... IS...





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SCENE9
Million Tears

VALERI...
...A...NA?

NO.
IS THIS...A DREAM?
IT'S NOT...
...A DREAM...

I'M BACK...
AH...
A... AH!
VALERIANA!!

YES, A DREAM...
I HAD...A DREAM!!
DREAM?
VALE-RIANA... YOU...
...DISAP-PEARED, AND--

VALERI ...
A... NA...?
HUFF
HUFF
I'M ALL RIGHT. I EXERTED...
...A LITTLE... TOO MUCH ENERGY.
HUFF
HUFF
THAT'S... ALL...
VALERI ...
... ANA ...
HUFF
HUFF
VALERI-ANA...
VALERI-ANA?

I...
I HAVE THE POW-ER...
TO PRO-TECT...
NO...
NO...
NO...
AM I... LOSING YOU... AGAIN...?!
...POWER-LESS...?
...I...
AM...
I'M NOT... I'M NOT!!!
NO...I'M NOT...
EVERY-THING...
HIRO...
... KAZU ...?

I HAVE THAT POWER, DON'T I...?!

HAA...
HAA...
HAA...
HAA...

HAA...
HAA...
HAA...
HAA...

VA...
LERI...
A...NA...
IT'S...
ALL...
...
OKAY...
NOW...
HAA...
HAA...
HAA...
HAA...
HAA...
HAA...

SEE...?
VALERI...
...A
...NA
...?
NNGH

BEAUTIFUL...
IT'S... BEAU-TIFUL!
ALL AROUND... YOU, HIROKAZU...
...IT'S SPARKLING ...!!
EH?
KIND... LIGHT.
STRONG... LIGHT.
DARLING... LIGHT.

SEE...?
PLEASE... LOOK CLOSELY...
IF ANYONE CAN...
...SEE IT, I THINK YOU CAN... HIROKAZU.

THAT'S STUPID...
THEY ARE ALL...
...SPARKLING.
NOT ONE OF THEM...
...IS THE SAME...
HEY!!
THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ALIVE!!
THIS IS WHAT...
...ETERNITY IS LIKE...!!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING--
I KNOW BECAUSE I SAW IT!
DEAD PEOPLE...
NO.
THE MARKS... OF PEOPLE WHO WERE ALIVE...
THEY ARE LEFT BEHIND...
...IN THINGS... IN THE EARTH... IN THE AIR...
AND THEY GENTLY ENVELOP AND PROTECT...
...THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ALIVE.

LET'S END THIS.
...IS ETERNITY.
I'M SURE THAT... THAT...
AS LONG AS WE...
...DON'T ERASE THEM.
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

TH-THAT'S CRAZY!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
ANYWAY, HERE... HURRY...!! HURRY, EAT!!!
VALE-RIANA ...!!
VALERI ...
...ANA ...!!!

I... BACK THEN...
...I COULDN'T... ACCEPT YOUR DEATH!!!
...BY HATING!!!
I COULD ONLY LIVE...
IT'S... ALL RIGHT NOW...
IT'S... ENOUGH.
BUT THERE...
...WAS NOTHING... IN THAT...
YOU...
...HATE ME... DON'T YOU... VALERIANA?

OF COURSE NOT...
I'M SURE... I, TOO...
...WAS DOING THE SAME.
LET'S... END THIS...
WAIT.
VERMILLION!!

ARE YOU REALLY GOING?!
DESTINY THIEVES DON'T DIE...!!
YOU'LL CEASE TO EXIST!!!
YOU WON'T REMAIN IN ANYONE'S MEMORY!!!
WORSE THAN DEATH IS NOTHING-NESS!!!
VERMIL-LION.
FAREWELL.
I... REALLY...
...LIKED YOU.
OH...!
WAIT!!!

I DON'T WANT TO FORGET!!
I DON'T WANT TO FORGET ABOUT YOU!!!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE!!!
HEY! DON'T GO!!
HEY ...!
I WON'T FORGET!!

I WON'T FOR-GET!
WE WILL NEVER, EVER, EVER...
...FORGET YOU!!!
AΔΔHH... THEY'RE GONE...

I FINALLY REMEMBERED!!
I JUST REMEMBERED!!
AAAAHHH!
WITH WHAT LITTLE STRENGTH THEY HAVE NOW...
BY TOMORROW... I'LL ALREADY...
MY GRANDFATHER IS BLIND.
I KNOW YOU!!
I KNOW YOU GUYS!!
...GAVE HIM THAT WOUND. IT WAS LIKE AN OLD LEGEND!!
...PEOPLE WHO EAT PEOPLE'S LIVES...
HE TOLD ME THAT...
...THOSE PEOPLE HELPED HIM WANT TO LIVE...
BUT YOU KNOW, GRANDPA SAID...
I know all about that. I'm the guy that did it to him.
OH, THAT.

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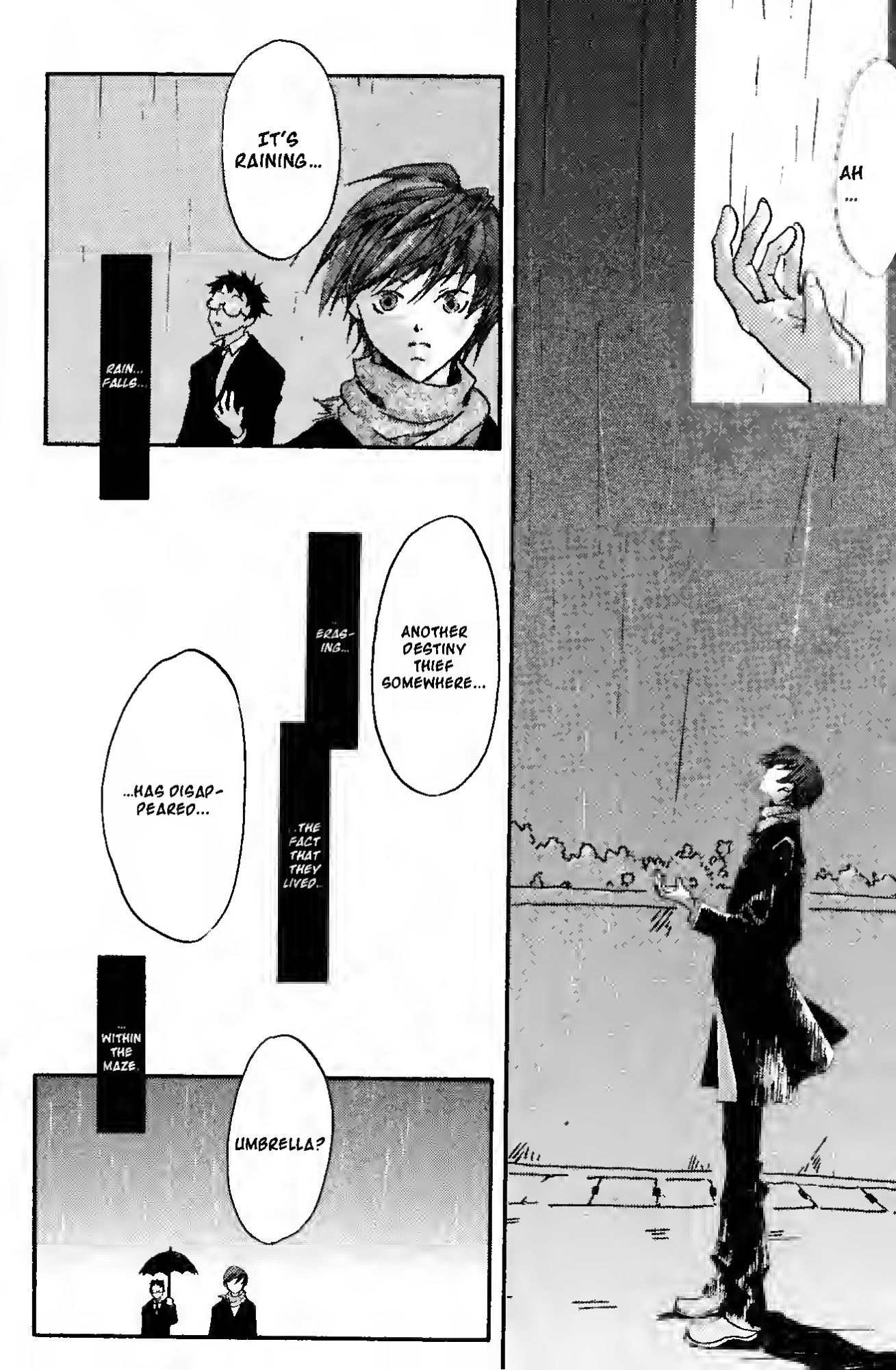
...AND REMEMBER THAT HE'S GLAD TO BE ALIVE...


IT'S RAINING...
RAIN... FALLS...
AH ...
ANOTHER DESTINY THIEF SOMEWHERE...
...ERAS-ING...
...THE FACT THAT THEY LIVED...
...HAS DISAP-PEARED...
...WITHIN THE MAZE.
UMBRELLA?

...NONE OF IT...
NO... I'M FINE...
AS IF...
...EVER HAPPENED...
AS IF IT WAS ALL A DREAM...
...OR A PRACTICAL JOKE...
LIKE A PURE, INNO-CENT FLOWER ...

...AWAKENING FROM ITS WINTER'S SLEEP.

WHA... WHAT? THAT CRASH...
KYAAAHH!
ガシャン!!
I-I... I'M SORRY!!
ARE YOU OKAY?
AH, UM, I'M SORRY!!
AH, UM, MY RAINCOAT IS SO BIG!! I COULDN'T SEE IN FRONT OF ME!!
Ah, um, I just moved here today.
THE RAIN'S STOPPED.
EH?

THE RAIN...HAS STOPPED...

★SCENE 9★ END

POSTSCRIPT

Hello. I am Yuana Kazumi. I am truly grateful that you would pick up a book by the likes of me. This is finally the third manga book since my debut, and it seems like it's been a long time and a short time, but it's really been no time at all. But I am glad with all my heart that I worked hard. *Million Tears* is an imperfect work by my far-from-perfect self, but I would like to engrave it in the memories inside my heart. I think it will be wonderful if I could reflect on a lot of things and love a lot of things. And also, it is my sincere wish that you, the readers, will love it, too, even a little.
But this guy (this work) really was crazy hard.
So many things...yes! Many, many things...!!!!

I wonder if what I wanted to convey came across? I'm so nervous!! Was I able to play catch with all of you?!! I'm nervous that I might have been just throwing the ball at you like crazy and you weren't catching it (but that's probably how it was). I was confused, myself (laugh). When I got a letter saying, "I have no idea what will happen next! ❤" I commented, "Me, neither! ❤" (Ah, no, I had thought of a general idea!! D-of course...!!)

It was a great adventure. I reeeeeeeeally learned a lot. I want to keep working hard so that I don't waste the experience I gained this year.
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Well, then! I look forward to the day we can meet again!
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Ah! I would be very happy to hear your thoughts about it!

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